

PREESALL URBAN DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the year

1959,



COUNCIL OFFICES,
PREESALL.



To The Chairman and Members of the Preesall Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Members,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health and Public Health Inspector for the year 1959.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area in acres	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,277.
Population, Census 1951	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,231.
Population (Mid-1959 estimated by Registrar General)									2,250. *
*An increase of 10 compared with 1958.									
Number of inhabited houses (at end of 1959)	...	...							820.
Rateable Value at 1. 4. 59.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£25,878.
Amount produced by a penny rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£104.

VITAL STATISTICS.

BIRTHS.

Twenty-nine births, 12 males and 17 females, were registered during the year. The crude birth rate of 12.9 and the adjusted birth rate of 16.4 per 1,000 compared with 17. 0 and 21.5 respectively for 1958.

STILLBIRTHS.

There were no stillbirths during the year 1959.

DEATHS.

Forty-eight deaths, 20 males and 28 females, were registered during the year. The crude death rate of 21.3 and the adjusted rate of 14.3 per 1,000 compares with 14.7 and 9.9 respectively for 1958.

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

There was one death of infants under one year of age during the year.

MATERNAL MORTALITY - NIL

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, STILLBIRTHS, MATERNAL AND INFANT MORTALITY.

	Live Births	Deaths (All causes)		Stillbirths		Maternal Mortality		Infant Mortality			
		No. Regis- tered	Rate per 1000 pop'n	No. Regis- tered	Rate per 1000 total births	No. of deaths regis- tered	Rate per 1000 total births	Total		Neo Natal	
								No. of deaths regis- tered	Rate per 1000 live births	No. of deaths regis- tered	Rate per 1000 live births
PRESAIL U.D.											
YEAR 1959	29	*12.9	48	*21.3	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	34.5	1	34.5
1958	38	17.0	38	14.7	1	25.6	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
1957	38	17.0	31	13.9	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
1956	31	13.8	51	22.8	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	32	1	32
1955	30	13.5	38	17.0	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	33	1	33
1954	31	14.0	38	17.1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Average 5 years 1954-1958		15.0		17.1		5.1			13		13

*Adjusted (Live birth-rate) = 16.4 per 1,000
 (Death Rate) = 14.3 per 1,000

CAUSES OF DEATH.

The table below shows the causes of death in the Urban District of Preesall in 1959 :-

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2		2
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	2		2
Malignant neoplasm, uterus		1	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms		2	2
Vascular lesions of nervous system	1	10	11
Coronary disease angina	4	2	6
Other heart disease	4	3	7
Other circulatory disease	1	3	4
Influenza		1	1
Pneumonia	1	2	3
Bronchitis	1	1	2
Other diseases of respiratory system	1		1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1		1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1		1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1	3	4
	<hr/> 20	<hr/> 28	<hr/> 48 <hr/>

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.PERSONNEL.

Medical Officer of Health :	C. Robertson Wilson, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.
Other Appointments held :	Divisional Medical Officer, Health Division No. 3, Lancashire County Council. Medical Officer of Health Borough of Lytham St. Annes, Poulton-le-Fylde U.D.C. Kirkham U.D.C., Fylde R.D.C. Thornton Cleveleys U.D.C., Borough of Fleetwood.
Public Health Inspector, Engineer and Surveyor :	S.H. Senior, C.R.S.I.

Officers of the County Council carry out inspections under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938. Inspections under the Shops Acts 1912-1934 are carried out by the Public Health Inspector. Veterinary Inspectors can be called in at the request of the Medical Officer of Health.

HEALTH SERVICES.

Ambulance, Health Service and Hospital facilities are provided within the National Health Service. The Preesall Urban District is in Division No. 3 of the Divisional Health Service under the Lancashire County Council.

CHILD WELFARE.

The County Council conducts a Child Welfare Centre at the Parochial Hall, Lancaster Road, Preesall, at 2.p.m. each TUESDAY.

BYELAWS.

The following is a list of Byelaws in force within the district :-

Slaughter Houses 1901
 Offensive Trades 1901
 Common Lodging Houses 1901
 Horses, Ponies, Mules or Asses Standing for Hire 1901
 Hackney Carriages 1901
 Nuisances 1901
 Public Bathing 1901
 New Streets and Buildings 1902
 Omnibuses 1902
 Pleasure Boats and Vessels 1903
 Dairies, Cowsheds and Milk Shops 1906
 Offensive Trades 1915
 Hackney Carriages 1919
 New Streets and Buildings 1925
 Tents, Vans, Sheds and Similar Structures 1939
 Building Byelaws 1939
 Building Byelaws 1953

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES.

There are 820 houses in your district and of these 7 houses only are without supply of water from the Fylde Water Board's Mains.

All but 117 houses, which are a long distance from the Sewers, are connected to Sewerage System.

There are 882 Water Closets, 23 Pail Closets and 14 Privies. There are 13 houses awaiting conversions and 30 further houses could be converted upon extension of sewers. Plans for Sewage Works for the Park Lane District have been prepared.

House Refuse is collected weekly by the Council Lorry, a Ford 3 ton Refuse Collection vehicle and the Refuse is tipped on the controlled System on to low lying ground. Pail Closet contents are put on the tip and covered by the House Refuse.

Arrangements were made with the shops and business premises for collection of trade refuse on payment.

There are no swimming baths or pools in the district.

SANITARY INSPECTION.

The Public Health Inspector reported visiting 160 premises, the discovery of 51 defects, 51 of which were remedied after informal notification.

SHOPS ACTS: There are 48 premises in the district used as shops and all were found to be satisfactory as regards sanitary conveniences, temperature, ventilation and comfort of assistants where employed. The cafes and Restaurants were seen to be clean and well conducted. Clubs and Licensed premises were also satisfactory.

FISH FRYERS. The premises of the 3 Fish Fryers are clean and in very good order.

SCHOOLS: The two schools were satisfactory as to premises and conveniences. The water supply was also satisfactory when visited.

FACTORIES: There are 21 premises registered under the Factory Act, 1937, including a Salt Works Power House, Corn Mill, Bakeries, Garages and Joiners' Shops.

HOUSE DRAINS: Notices were sent in respect of 22 blocked drains and these had attention by Council's Staff on payment by the owners.

DUST BINS: 28 Dust Bins were supplied and charged to the Owners of properties.

TENTS, VANS, SHEDS ETC: Premises of this description are not continuously occupied, Seven sites are licensed for stationing van-dwellings and tents for the Summer season only. Byelaws have been adopted for the control of moveable dwellings. Lavatory accommodation is provided and Fylde Water is laid on to each site. The sites are well conducted and are kept very clean and tidy. There were four Temporary Camps occupied by Church Lads Brigade and Brownies. Each Camp was inspected by the Public Health Inspector. During the summer period the population of the district is increased by 25% by persons living in the camps.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS.

The Urban District is mainly agricultural and is well served by the Lancashire Agricultural Executive Committee Services under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

Test baiting of the Sewers has proved negative.

The Council's Refuse tips have had constant attention during the year.

HOUSING.

Six new houses were built during the year by private enterprise.

Inspection was made of 25 houses and all defects received attention after informal notice.

A classification of houses in your area shows that 73 are large houses, 3 are inns, 40 are farmsteads, 34 are houses and shops, 470 are small modern houses, 184 are good older houses, 14 poor type but habitable.

There are no back to back houses in the area nor are there any back to earth houses. All houses in the area have through ventilation.

There has been no case of overcrowding during the year.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

The normal sampling of Milk and Foods is done by the Officers of the Lancashire County Council. The Public Health Inspector accompanies the Official on every occasion and aids in the sampling.

There are three dairies in the district. One person delivering milk in the district has premises outside the district. He delivers milk to the Schools.

Licensed under the Milk (Special designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations 1949, are the following :-

Tuberculin Tested Milk - Distribution 4.

Four persons are licensed for Retail distribution of Pasteurised Milk under the Milk (Special designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949.

The rest of the farms in the area produce milk which is collected by lorries and conveyed to depots outside the district.

There are no Slaughter Houses in the District. Two Butchers Shops are inspected regularly.

The four Bakehouses in the district are satisfactory.

Food premises are licensed under the Lancashire County Council (Rivers Board and General Powers) Act, 1939, under Sections 115 and 116.

Purveyors of Ice Cream are registered.

Hawkers are also licensed under the above Act.

Categories of Food Premises in the District :

Cafes 6; Ice Cream 2; Sweets 4; Green Grocers 2; Grocers 10; Butchers 2; Fish and Chip 3; Confectioners 2.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Eighty-two cases of Infectious Diseases were notified during the year, 35 of which were children under school age.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS)
DURING THE YEAR 1959.

NOTIFI- ABLE DISEASES	TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED											Total deaths	HOSPITAL	
	Total cases at all ages	AGE PERIODS YEARS											Total cases removed to hospital from the district	Deaths in hospital of persons belonging to district
		0	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	25 & over	65 & over			
SCARLET FEVER	2						2					Nil	Nil	Nil
MEASLES	77	4	6	7	4	14	40	1		1		Nil	Nil	Nil
ACUTE PNEUMONIA	3								2		1	1	Nil	Nil
	82	4	6	7	4	14	42	1	2	1	1	1	Nil	Nil

Preesall Urban District is a generally healthy area. Its resident population remains stable at 2,250. This figure only shows an increase of nineteen over the figure 2,231 when the national census was taken in 1951.

During 1959 the corrected birthrate fell from 21.5 per thousand population to 16.4. There were actually twenty nine births compared with thirty eight in 1958. The corrected deathrate rose from 9.9 per thousand population to 14.3. There were forty eight deaths compared with thirty three in 1958.

Looking at the causes of death twenty eight of the forty eight deaths were caused by diseases of the heart and circulation and seven were due to malignant growths. In the main these are the ailments of more advanced years and I think it is well recognised by the Health Committee that the majority of deaths reported in the district are of people who have lived to a good old age.

1959 was a year when Measles struck the younger section of the population. Seventy seven cases were notified. Apart from these, notifiable infectious diseases was at a minimum, the only others being two cases of Scarlet Fever and three of Acute Primary Pneumonia.

The work of the Public Health Inspector shows very satisfactory results and no need for any statutory action. A good standard is maintained among local shops and catering establishments and this is obtained by means of their ready co-operation.

Yours faithfully,

C. ROBERTSON WILSON.

Medical Officer of Health.

S.H.SENIOR.

Public Health Inspector.

May 1960.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE
YEAR 1959 FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT OF PREESALL IN THE COUNTY OF
LANCASHIRE,

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories
Act, 1937.

PART I OF THE ACT,

1 - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	4	4	NIL	NIL
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	17	17	NIL	NIL
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority* (excluding out-workers' premises)	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Total :	21	21	NIL	NIL

2 - Cases in which DEFECTS were found

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases")

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which presocations were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Overcrowding (S.2)	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Ineffective drainage (S.6)	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
(b) Unsuitable or defective	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
(c) Not separate for sexes	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work)	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Total	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork

(Sections 110 & 111)

Nature of work (1)	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out-workers in Aug. list required by Section 110(1)(c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
Wearing (Making etc Apparel (Cleaning & (Washing	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Household linen	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Lace, lace curtains & nets	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Curtains & furni- ture hangings	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Furniture & upholstery	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Electro-plate	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
File making	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Brass & brass articles	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Fur pulling	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Iron & steel cables & chains	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Iron & steel anchors & grapnels	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Cart gear	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Locks, latches & keys	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Umbrellas, etc	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Artificial flowers	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Nets, other than wire nets	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Tents	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Sacks	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Racquet & tennis balls	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Paper bags	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

PART VIII OF THE ACT CONTINUED

Outwork
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The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Brush making	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Pea picking	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Feather sorting	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Carding, etc. of buttons etc.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Stuffed toys	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Basket making	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Chocolates and sweetmeats	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Casaques, Christmas stockings etc.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Textile weaving	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Lampshades	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

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